1	2	3
16.	Manipur	1,476
17.	Meghalaya	2,050
18.	Mizoram	4,955
19.	Nagaland	2,069
20.	Orissa	627
21.	Punjab	1,244
22.	Rajasthan	822
23.	Sikkim	5,560
24.	Tamil Nadu	837
25.	Tripura	1,755
26.	Uttar Pradesh	293
27.	Uttaranchal	1,238
28.	West Bengal	710
	TOTAL (States)	1,032

Note: Census 2001 figures have been used for calculating per capita outlays.

Budget allocation to water resources and telecommunication

1302. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The details of allocations made for water resources and telecommunications during the Tenth Plan; and

(b) whether Government propose to review and re-allocate more realistic amount to water resources, giving priority to inter linking of rivers to solve water shortage problems of certain States in the South India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SAYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The approved outlay in the Tenth Five Year Plan for water resources and telecommunications are as under:

Telecommunications	Rs. 86,984 crores (of which Rs. 1500 crore is GBS)
Water Resources	Rs. 3,600 crores.

(b) Water being a State subject, the planning, funding, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation and flood control projects are

done by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities and the Central assistance to the States is given in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any sector. The expenditure incurred by the State Governments on irrigation, flood control and command area development in the Ninth Plan and the outlay for the Tenth Plan for these sectors are Rs. 61,002.05 crores and Rs. 92,143.53 crores respectively. The Central sector outlay for water resources, which is fully in the form of gross budgetary support is mainly for activities like data collection, ground water exploration, R&D, flood forecasting, monitoring, investigations and centrally sponsored schemes. The Tenth Plan Central sector outlay for water resources has a 57% step up over the Ninth Plan outlay and almost a 100% step up over the Ninth Plan expenditure of Rs. 1845 crores. The Central Govt. is also assisting the States since the Ninth Plan for early completion of on-going irrigation projects through the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. Till March 2003, Rs. 11,541.73 crores has been released, under the programme over and above the Central sector outlay.

The Central Government has set up a Task Force on 13.12.2002 under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament, on interlinking of rivers to bring about a consensus among States, provide guidance on nature of appraisal of individual projects and modalities for project funding. In the Action Plan-I submitted by the Task Force on 30.4.2003, it has been indicated that the feasibility reports for all the 30 links is planned to be completed by December, 2005 and the detailed project reports for all acceptable links by December, 2006. The firm estimate of cost of interlinks proposals will become available only on completion of the DPRs. The Ministry of Water Resources have allocated Rs. 85 crores in the Tenth Plan for the National Water Development Agency for investigation work on interlinking of rivers. For 2003-04, the approved outlay of the Ministry of Water Resources has been stepped up by Rs. 4 crores to support the Task Force on interlinking of rivers.

Credit support to farmers

1303. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan for providing timely and